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Art Unit: 2131

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For: ELECTRONIC CONTRACTS

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In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004 (Paper No. 10), favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in light of the remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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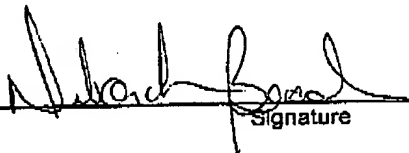
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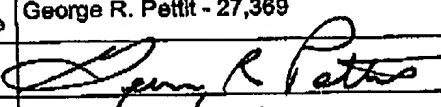
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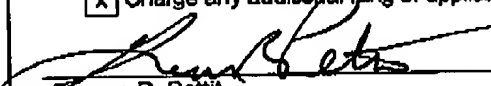
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